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JUSTICE PASS TO U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF NEW YORK

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL ON VESCO LAW STUDY

1. COSTA RICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL TOSSI TOLD EMBASSY TODAY, APRIL 21, THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE USG WITH A COPY OF THE STUDY HIS OFFICE HAD DONE ON THE EXTRADITION LAW (VESCO LAW) DESPITE HAVING SAID HE WOULD DO SO DURING HIS RECENT MEETING IN WASHINGTON WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OFFICIALS. HE SAID THAT IT WAS DECIDED IN THE CASA PRESIDENCIAL THAT RELEASE TO US OF THE ENTIRE STUDY WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID THE ESSENTIAL PARTS OF THE STUDY APPEARED IN LA NACION ON DECEMBER 8 AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VIEWS ON THE EXTRADITION. (THIS WAS IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT ODUBER'S ANSWER TO THE ANTI-VESCO CAMPAIGN.) IN ADDITION TO THE DECEMBER 8 LA NACION ARTICLE, TOSSI SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE THE EMBASSY ON APRIL 25 TWO OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE EXTRADITION LAW. (WHEN ACQUIRED THESE AND LA NACION CLIPPINGS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT.)

2. THE EMBASSY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE MEETING WITH TOSSI TO INQUIRE ABOUT HIS ALLEGED STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS OF APRIL 17. TOSSI REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD LEARNED "EXTRA-OFFICIALLY" THAT THE USG IS PREPARING A NEW EXTRADITION CASE

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AGAINST VESCO AND WENT MB TO CRITICIZE THE USG'S PREPARATION

OF THE PREVIOUS CASE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID HE HAD
EXPRESSED TO THE JOURNALISTS IN THE BROADEST TERMS HIS
EXPECTATION THAT A NEW CASE WOULD EVENTUALLY BE PRESENTED
BY THE U.S., BUT THE REMAINDER OF THE STORY HE SAID WAS
JOURNALISTIC INVENTION.

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